

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS' FORUM
Thursday 5 September 7PM

VENUE: Finchley Church End Library 318-320 Gateway House, Regent's Park Road, N3 2LN

Chairman: Councillor Jennifer Grocock
Vice Chairman: Councillor John Marshall

The council is consulting on its draft Growth Strategy. The strategy sets out the council's role and priorities for regeneration, development and business, employment and skills activity across the borough from 2019 to 2030. For further information on the consultation and to provide your views, please visit <https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/growth-strategy>

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE FORUM MEETING

	Issue Raised	Response from
1	<p>Petition: Petition for Barnet Council to CCTV and Restricted Parking Winnington Road Lead Petitioner: Vered Aaron Signatures: 77</p> <p>Late in the evening and throughout the night unknown vehicles, vans or cars, park on the streets and leave by the morning. These vehicles do not belong to anyone living in the area or close by. The residents of this streets constantly feel threatened. Potential thieves and burglars leisurely drive around our roads at night slowly scouting and our homes in order to plan their next attack.</p> <p>Criminals and gangs enter homes with knives and machetes. Do we need to wait for somebody to killed before this is taken seriously? If so, that will only be a question of time. It is imperative and the absolutely minimum response to the issues outlined above that we introduce CCTV to monitor and protect all the homes in the neighbourhood. Moreover, restricted parking rules should be introduced to stop the 'trolling' of our roads late at night.</p>	<p>Barnet Council Community Safety Team have opened up a case on this matter and assigned an Investigation and Enforcement Officer to look into the concerns raised about crime and safety around Winnington Drive. The officer will complete an assessment which will take into account the levels of reported crime and ASB, and will carry out a joint site visit with the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Based on the findings of this assessment consideration will be given as to what crime preventions interventions would be appropriate (including giving consideration to CCTV as a potential option) and an action plan put in place.</p> <p>The consideration of the requirements for additional parking controls will follow the outcome of the Review carry out by the Community Safety Team.</p>

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	<p>I am sure that you will agree that the most important responsibility of a council is the protection and mental wellbeing of its constituents and these concerns should be placed ahead of all other topics.</p> <p>https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=81&RPID=647580685&HPID=647580685</p>	
2	<p>Submitted by: Jessica Howey (Secretary - Railway Terraces' Residents' Association) Issue: Cricklewood Railway Terraces road surface</p> <p>The roads in the Cricklewood Railway Terraces (Childs Hill) are in a terrible state and need to be completely resurfaced. There are potholes and dips in the road surface. This is dangerous as we do not have pavements that are wide enough to walk on or push a pram on, so our roads are shared between vehicles and pedestrians. The uneven surface in some sections of Johnston/Needham Terrace form large mounds which are especially dangerous for pedestrians after dark. There have been many attempts to patch the roads, all inadequate, and the surface soon breaks up again leading to even greater potholes and more unsightly patches.</p> <p>Given the many developments in Cricklewood which will impact negatively on the Terraces, we would like the resurfacing of our roads to be a positive action with a timetable for the work to be programmed into Barnet's budget for 2019/2020.</p>	<p>Following the review of the independent survey that took place in autumn 2018 to assess footways and roads to be relayed and/or resurfaced respectively. I can confirm, that based on the priority rating Johnston Terrace and Needham Terrace is not proposed for carriageway resurfacing this Year.</p> <p>We will make arrangements to implement further patching repairs including improving the road profile to remove any mounds.</p> <p>Other locations identified for future highway maintenance improvements not included in the road maintenance programme which we cannot fund at this stage, we will monitor to ensure they are not getting any worse.</p>
3	<p>Submitted by: Jordon Neville Issue: Speeding Castle Road</p> <p>Residents on Castle Road (North Finchley) are concerned by the speed of motorists driving down the road, in many cases travelling at over 50 MPH. This is happening more frequently and I genuinely believe it is only a matter of time before a fatality occurs. Many residents have young children and are worries about their safety.</p> <p>We wish to request that the Council takes the following action: Speed bumps on Castle Road. Perhaps two at selected positions would quickly and</p>	<p>Officers are working on developing an assessment and prioritisation process in relation to the many requests to introduce traffic calming measures that the Council receives, which would entail periodic progression of the highest priority locations, subject to the level of available funding. This request will be put on the list for future assessment.</p> <p>However, if the Forum consider that this location requires immediate attention, then there is the option of the issue being</p>

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	cheaply solve the problem.	referred to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, where funding to progress items could be granted.
4	<p>Submitted by: Duncan Parsons Issue: Resident parking concerns, Eversleigh Road - Finchley Central</p> <p>Resident parking is already a major issue for many people in our area. Currently, there is no parking restriction on our road (Eversleigh Road) or neighbouring roads meaning we struggle to park near our house every day. The issue comes in part, as a result of commuters parking and then walking to Finchley Central (not to mention the littering), another major issue is work vans where we have businesses (resident or otherwise) parking their fleet of vehicles on the road. For context, one particular gardening company has over 5 vans often on the road (their employees drive in and park in the space as they take the van for the day), another lightning protection firm has around 4 vans. Equally, there is currently a large vehicle transporter which has been there for minimum 4 weeks without moving.</p> <p>In mine and many other residents opinion, this problem could be significantly reduced by certain parking measures that are already in force in neighbouring areas.</p> <p>The response I received from the Barnet Council initial on-line concerns system is below and I believe when reading between the lines it says the council is not planning to investigate this but they will keep a record of my concern. I do not believe this to be very constructive nor very reactionary and certainly won't help the various young and elderly residents who are currently being affected by the situation:</p> <p><i>'As it stands your road is primarily uncontrolled, and although there may be various demands for kerbside space from residents and other users of the area, motorists are able park anywhere within reason.</i></p> <p><i>In order to deter non-residents from parking in residential streets all day, whilst reserving kerbside space for residents, in many areas of the borough the Council has introduced Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs).</i></p>	<p>Officers are working on developing an assessment and prioritisation process in relation to the many requests to introduce parking controls that the Council receives, which would entail periodic progression of the highest priority locations, subject to the level of available funding. This request will be put on the list for future assessment.</p> <p>However, if the Forum consider that this location requires immediate attention, then there is the option of the issue being referred to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, where funding to progress items could be granted.</p>

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	<p><i>Unfortunately, the council currently has no plans to investigate the possible introduction of a CPZ in your road/area as the investigation/consultation of such a scheme is not on our current programme of work.</i></p> <p><i>However, your request will be held on file for assessment and prioritisation, which will take place later this year, where all unresolved CPZ requests will be assessed to determine whether or not a more detailed investigation will be included in future years' work programmes.'</i></p> <p>I then re-raised via Mike Freer more recently and have dropped the response from the Regional Enterprise Members Case Officer below:</p> <p><i>Your constituent's concerns about commuter-type parking taking place in Eversleigh Road has been noted. Please note that the usual process is that each request that the Council receives would be assessed and then prioritised and then progressed through Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding. However it should be noted that for the 2019/20 period, and possibly future years, there is no LIP funding available to undertake such work.</i></p> <p><i>Officers will consider as the year progresses whether there is any available funding to progress such items. This request is on the list for future assessment. However if your constituent feels that this location requires immediate attention, then there is the option of your constituent arranging for the matter to be raised at the Finchley & Golders Green Residents Forum, which could in turn refer the matter up to the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee, where funding to progress scheme investigation could be granted, if the Committee considers it appropriate to do so.</i></p> <p>Again, it's not very clear but it sounds like there is no budget. I appreciate things cost money in terms of administration, signage and resource to enforce but I'm sure a CPZ approach would generate revenue from penalties/resident permits that would cover any costs and it would have a really positive impact on the local residents.</p>	
5	<p>Submitted by: Julia Hines Issue: Brexit impact</p>	<p>On 20th February 2019, a report went to Policy and Resources</p>

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<p>In light of Operation Yellowhammer, can you explain what steps the Council has taken to protect the borough in the event of a failure in Brexit negotiations by this Government and a No Deal Brexit - specifically, how have you partnered with local businesses and the voluntary sector e.g. foodbanks, social care providers, charities supporting young people etc and what money have you allocated to this?</p>	<p>Committee outlining our approach to Brexit preparedness.</p> <p>Through research and guidance from central government, the LGA, London Councils and other Local Authorities; a set of themes were identified which have been used as a framework for assessing potential impact. This has been captured through the creation of an impact log which focuses on the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce • Citizens' rights • Community cohesion • Council funding • Supply chain • IT/systems • Legislation • Economy • Emergency planning • Elections <p>Due to the uncertainty and changing picture on a national level regarding Brexit, it is difficult to assess potential impacts on Barnet with certainty. Therefore, the council is preparing for potential impacts that could occur under either a deal or no deal scenario. The council will continue to assess the themes identified as more information becomes available nationally, and the terms of any deal become clearer. We have engaged with our delivery partners who are responsible for delivering services on behalf of the council, and have also engaged with our strategic partners which includes the Police, NHS and VCS. These organisations identified many similar issues to the council, and have been incorporated into the impact log. Keeping abreast of national developments forms a key part of our approach and we will continue to monitor and follow any guidance provided by central government and national bodies. This will include sharing relevant information with residents, businesses and the voluntary</p>

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		<p>and communities sector via our communication channels.</p> <p>The council is also represented on the London Resilience Forum, Local Authorities Panel, London Councils and London Prevent Network who take a collective approach to reporting information to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).</p> <p>We have a weekly Brexit working group, chaired by the Deputy Chief Executive, which includes senior representatives from across the council. Through this forum, we are currently in the process of revisiting and updating our impact log to assess how any risks and opportunities may have changed or evolved. This will form part of a full update report being presented to Policy and Resources Committee on 3rd October 2019.</p> <p>The Council has so far received £210,000 from central Government to support Brexit preparations. To date some of this funding has been used to partially cover salary costs of existing officers who are undertaking work to co-ordinate preparations. The rest will be used to mitigate financial pressures relating to Brexit if and when they arise.</p>
6	<p>Submitted by: Mr Levy Issue: Breaching noise regulations</p> <p>There is an increasing problem of vehicles apparently breaching noise regulations, especially fast/'sporty' cars but motorcycles and mopeds can also offend. Kensington and Chelsea announced fines for this in 2016 and have reportedly issued at least 148 such fines. Please will Barnet follow their example?</p>	<p>The Environmental health delegated powers for noise are through statutory nuisance which excludes engine noise from vehicles and traffic.</p> <p>The motor vehicle regulations can control noise from vehicles in significant circumstances like a faulty exhaust and the powers are with the Police or Vehicle inspectorate. This is the first instance in my 25 years at Barnet that this issue has been raised, whereas from my experience of work in K&C there are a lot of Sports car show rooms near the Cromwell road and the borough is one of the wealthiest in the UK and therefore there are probably more likely incidents of potential problems than in</p>

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		Barnet. This may be worth reviewing if there are specific areas where the problem regularly occurs and refer to the police at first as they have the powers for their comments.

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Future meeting dates:

Weds 8 January 2020, 7pm (venue TBC)

Issues must be submitted to the Governance Service (f&gg.residentsforum@barnet.gov.uk) by 10.00am on the 5th working day prior to the meeting.